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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 USC § 121

In response to the Restriction Requirement under 35 USC § 121, Applicant hereby elects Invention I with claims 1 - 7 drawn to a chip carrier for forming a chip module.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the requirement for restriction as the method and product in the present application are closely related. Applicant notes that the method is dependent upon the specific chip carrier of claims 1 and 6. Independent claim 8 requires all of the features of the chip carrier of claims 1 and 6. The process of claim 8 therefore requires that the product of claims 1 and 6 results from the process of claim 8. The close relationship between the process and the product, are such that the process is not useful for a materially different product, and any product produced by the process would be similar to the product claimed.

Since the process and product are so closely related, Applicant feels that a single search might be beneficial for considering the inventions as stated by the Examiner.

Favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

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